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SUBJECT: NDPC SECURITY SURVEY: ITALY

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1. GENERAL GIOVANNI CARUSO, CHIEF OF SECURITY, SID
(ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY), HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH
NDPC SURVEY TEAM. CARUSO'S OFFICE HANDLES SECURITY
CONTROLS, BOTH FOR THE ITALIAN MILITARY AND FOR DEFENSE
CONTRACTORS. DATES FOR PROPOSED VISIT ARE ACCEPTABLE
TO CARUSO, WITH ONE CAVEAT: THAT THEY NOT COINCIDE
WITH A NATO SECURITY INSPECTION SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME
EARLY MARCH.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL MEET CARUSO TUESDAY
(AJN. 17) AND DISCUSS DETAILS OF VISIT, INCLUDING OTHER
ELEMENTS OF GOI AND MANUFACTURERS SURVEY TEAM WOULD WISH
TO VISIT. FOLLOWING THAT MEETING A SUGGESTED ITINERARY
WILL BE PROVIDED.

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3. COMMENT. CARUSO'S CAVEAT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE. IT IS
CONCEIVABLE THAT THE DELICATE AND HIGHLY AMBIGUOUS
POLITICAL SITUATION NOW PREVAILING (PRIME MINISTER RESIGNED JAN-
UARY 16) COULD LAST WELL INTO MARCH (OR BEYOND). DURING THIS PERIOD
WE WILL WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT (1) WE RECOGNIZE A SIGNAL
WHEN WE GIVE ONE, AND (2) WE GIVE IT CONSCIOUSLY AND
PURPOSEFULLY AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THE COIN-

CIDENCE OF TWO SECURITY "INSPECTIONS" IN THE MIDDLE OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS WOULD LIKELY BE SEEN AS A SIGNAL OF WANING CONFIDENCE BY MEMBERS OF THE GOI (MILITARY AND CIVILIAN). IF THEY BECAME PUBLIC, EVEN "ROUTINE" EXAMINATIONS OF THE KIND PROPOSED, PROXIMATE IN TIME, WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERPRETED BY THE LEFTIST PRESS AND THE PUBLIC AS THE BEGINNING OF A REORDERING OF US/NATO/ITALIAN RELATIONSHIPS. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO DELIVERING A DELIBERATE SIGNAL OF THAT KIND. HOWEVER, ITS IMPLICATIONS WOULD NEED TO BE WELL THOUGHT OUT AND THE TIMING CAREFULLY EXAMINED. IN ANY EVENT, THE NDPC SURVEY, PROPOSED FOR MARCH, IN ITSELF SHOULD POSE NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. ITS PURPOSES, RELATED TO CURRENT AND POSSIBLE CO-PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS, CAN BE SEEN AS IN SUPPORT OF ALLIED INITIATIVES TOWARD STANDARDIZATION"INTER-OPERABILITY AND BILATERAL REINFORCEMENT OF THOSE ACTIVITIES. GENERALLY, THE ITALIANS WILL PERCEIVE CLEAR SELF INTEREST IN THE SURVEY. AND, INDEED, THE SURVEY SHOULD SERVE AS A USEFUL REMINDER OF THE POSSIBLE RESTRAINTS IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THAT COULD ARISE FROM UNFAVORABLE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. WE WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, TO AVOID THE CONJUNCTION OF A U.S. AND A NATO SURVEY AND ALL THAT WOULD IMPLY, AND RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT USNATO WORK CONFIDENTIAL

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TOWARD MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY IN THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED ALLIED EXAMINATION OF ITALIAN SECURITY.GARDNER

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